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For: IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL GENES
IN PROKARYOTES

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed May 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.

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